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For: PROPAGATION OF CHARACTERISTICS IN
A GRAPHICAL MODEL ENVIRONMENT

Examiner: P. S. Salomon

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated December 23, 2008 (Paper No. 20081218), Applicants present the following amendments and arguments. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.